

# One of the Joys of the Job

## Machinists

stick their chests out and shout, "Yeah I'm an asshole!"  
or

"I'm a real ASSHOLE!" at each other.

They

rivet "World Class Asshole" plaques onto the insides  
of their toolbox lids

and laugh

at each other whenever they can,

attaching rag and wire tails to each other's

rear belt loops

and sneaking up behind each other to dribble water

out of squirt bottles down each other's legs

and dumping metal chips all over each other's toolboxes

and inviting each other outside

to fight.

Unlike all those people in offices,

machinists don't have to pretend

not to be assholes.

## Fred Voss